

**Dennis Boyles**

**From:** Bob Willard [willard\_r@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2007 12:08 AM  
**To:** PENDER.boe@ncmail.net  
**Subject:** PROVISIONAL VOTE

Attn: Mr. Dennis E. Boyles

I had to prepare a provisional ballot in the Hampstead Election on November 6th, because it was indicated that I wasn't in the "footprint" to vote for the incorporation question on the ballot.

I am in the footprint. I live in Emerald Ridge Sub Division, just off of Country Club Road. My address is 19 Amber Court, and it is a cul-de-sac off of Shandy Way. My back yard backs up to the third fairway on Old Pointe golf course and overlooks the club house at Old Pointe.

Anyway, I called the 1-866-522-4723 number today to find out if my vote was counted. I was advised that IT WAS NOT! Quite frankly, this disturbs me greatly. My wife had to do the same process but I find that her vote WAS indeed counted.

My name is: Robert W. Willard  
19 Amber Court  
Emerald Ridge Sub Division  
Hampstead, NC 28443-7435

My PIN number issued at the time of voting is [REDACTED]  
My date of birth is: [REDACTED]

May I please have an explanation as to why my vote was not counted, as well as WHY was our address of Amber Court in the Emerald Ridge Sub Division not properly registered within the footprint.

Please reply to the undersigned. Thanking you in advance for your help and cooperation in this matter.

I remain

Robert W. Willard

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November 20, 2007

Mr. Robert W. Willard  
19 Amber Ct.  
Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear Mr. Willard:

In regards to your complaint concerning the counting of your provisional ballot.

We knew the "Incorporation of Hampstead" vote was an important issue in your community. Since we anticipated potential problems caused by the possibility that our office missed a few streets or roads during the mapping of the proposed Town of Hampstead, a backup plan was implemented prior to Election Day. This plan included installing signs on all voting terminals used within the five voting precincts that would include voters who were voting on the incorporation of Hampstead. These signs stated the following: *"If you feel that you have received the wrong ballot – Please see a Judge **BEFORE** pressing the confirm button"*. All precinct workers had been informed to allow voters to choose between the voting machine and a paper provisional ballot if the voter felt they did not receive the correct ballot. It appears the plan worked as designed and you were offered a provisional ballot when you questioned why the incorporation issue was not on your ballot. A provisional ballot allows the voter to cast their ballot while providing us the opportunity to verify whether or not the voter is entitled to vote on the issue in question without jeopardizing the integrity of the vote. In your case, Amber Court was in the proposed footprint of Hampstead and you should have received a ballot giving you the opportunity to vote on the issue.

Our records indicate that both yours and your wife's ballots were approved during the final canvass of the votes on November 13, 2007. This can be verified by accessing the State Board of Elections' website at: [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us) and click on Check Your Provisional Vote. Enter your personal information along with your pin number for the results.

If you have any other questions feel free to call me at 910-259-1220.

Sincerely,



Dennis E. Boyles  
Director